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[1](#)1. (SBU) The Ambassador raised reftel points with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni May 4, following a demarche by Poloff to Samina Naz, Director of the Americas Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on April 29. According to Naz, the GOB was still considering its policy vis-a-vis Kosovo, including how to vote on Kosovo's membership in the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The Ambassador stressed to FM Moni the importance of registering a vote on the membership, even if it was an abstention, in order to achieve a quorum of voters. In response, Moni nodded and said: "We have had a chat on that."

COMMENT

[1](#)2. (SBU) Naz's remarks and FM Moni's demeanor indicated that the MFA, at least, appeared to be mulling a "yes" vote on the WB/IMF membership as a means of showing support of Kosovo short of full recognition. However, the Finance Minister told the Ambassador April 16 that Bangladesh would abstain on the WB/IMF vote (ref B).
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